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2. In early November, the recruiting activity of the Kreisregistrierabteilungen (County Registration Departments) was to be intensified. The efforts of the Chemnitz-Land Kreisregistrierabteilung were to be concentrated on the recruitin of officer candidates. AAA Regiment Zittau had considerable replacement troubles. Vacancies resulting from discharges were scheduled to be generally prior to 15 December.
3. On the occasion of a meeting at the Chemnitz Bezirksregistrierverwaltung in early December, it was announced that the Chemnitz-Land Kreisregistrierabteilung exceeded its November quota with 106 per cent and thus ranked seventh the Kreisregistrierabteilungen among in East Germany. The first ranking agencies were the Kreisregistrierabteilungen of the Schwerin district, allegedly because the young men who were detached there under the harvesting emergency program were told they could return to their places of work only after enlisting as KVP volunteers. The success of the recruiting action was generally accounted for by the recruiters' announcement that the volunteers' wishes about stations and branches of service would be disregarded after 1954.
4. Pursuant to an order of the Ministry of the Interior dating from early December, the records of all ex-officers who had previously applied for enlistment in the KVP but had been rejected for their relations to individuals in the western countries had to be completed and kept ready for an intended recruiting action.
5. In early December, there was no more demand for replacements for motorcycle and tank units.
6. Recruiting activities were allegedly scheduled to be interrupted from 15 December 1954 to 1 January 1955. Official announcements emphasized again and again that, after ratification of the western contracts, the situation at the Kreisregistrierabteilungen would be completely changed. The coming year would involve great missions and concentrated efforts.

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order of the SED Central Committee, the Gesellschaft fuer Sport und Technik (Association for Sports and Techniques) should raise the number of their members essentially prior to 31 March 1955. In 1954, the circle of passive members which is designated Freunde der GST (Friends of the Association for Sports and Technology) allegedly grew constantly at the expense of the active members.

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[redacted] it was intended to reorganize the Gesellschaft fuer Sport und Technik. After the reorganization, premilitary training would be held in so-called clubs under the direction of KVP officers detached for this purpose who would appear as civilians although they would remain members of the KVP. The reorganization measures provided that only trainees who fulfilled all requirements of marksmanship training be admitted to other so-called types of sport such as naval training, signal training, etc. The missions of the old Bezirksleitungen and Kreisleitungen (district managements and county managements) would be limited to political indoctrination.

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[redacted] Comment. This report indicates that all preparatory measures are being taken in so far as they are necessary for a reinforcement of the KVP either with or without legal introduction of universal military training, but do not fix the time, extent and type of any action which may be necessary.

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